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FOR RENT.

\$17.00—7 room, modern brick residence in first-class condition, repair, &c.

\$10.00—8 room adobe, shingle roof, city water.

WANTED—Houses to rent. We are having many inquiries by letter and in person for modern cottages of 3 to 6 rooms.

FURNISHED.

\$22—4 large rooms, furnished.

\$17—all of first story, four large rooms, furnished.

FOR SALE.

\$500—5 rooms, modern adobe cottage, shingle roof, bay window, 2 porches, large garden, 35 fruit trees, city water, stable, &c.

\$250—new 4 room adobe cottage, iron and composition roof, garden, fruit, stable, &c.

\$1000—160 acres, 39 miles from Denver, Colo., fenced, house, spring, well, farming land, hay land, grass land, outside range. Will exchange for Socorro property.

\$100—10 acres bottom land, under ditch, 3-4 mile from postoffice Socorro.

\$600—5 acres, house, barn, fruit, well and wind mill, city water etc., close in.

\$225.00—3 room, adobe house, 2 rooms new, tar roof, 2 acres, fenced, fruit, shade trees, stable, city water.

\$350—40 acres, more or less, bottom land, fenced, under ditch, one mile from Socorro county court house.

\$350—160 acres, patented stock ranch, never failing water, foot hills San Mateo mountains, good cattle, horse, sheep or goat ranch.

\$1,300—Modern cottage, brick finish, repair as good as new, beautifully furnished, two porches, large and handsome grounds, tin roof, city water and well, nicely furnished throughout, fine piano.

\$1,500—7 room, adobe dwelling, shingle and iron roof, city water in house and grounds, house well and substantially furnished, including one grand square Emerson piano, 3 acres, 315 fancy assorted fruit trees in bearing, 228 fancy assorted grape vines in bearing, 25 ornamental trees, shade trees, shrubs, bulbs, roses, strawberries, etc., close in.

\$7,500 paid net \$2,500 in 1890. 80 acres 9 miles from county seat, 1/4 mile to post office, one mile to station, including 7 acres prunes, 7 acres peaches, 6 acres apples, plums &c., all in bearing, 35 acres alfalfa, all fenced and cross-fenced. Good home, large barn and out buildings, best of soil, no alkali, good water right on one of the best of acequias; steam pump with abundance of water in case of necessity. Will sell all or part, will take part trade, stock of goods, live stock &c.

Also 100 acres adjoining the above will be sold if desired.

\$1,000—30 acres, more or less bottom land, 5 acres above acequia with first class well, wind mill pump, horse power pump, large rock cement tank, 4 room new adobe, 2 room old adobe house, well and hand pump, new corral, stable and hay barn, chicken house, bee house, wagon shed, 350 assorted fruit trees mostly Ben Davis apples set out five years, 1000 grape vines and about 2000 sprouts; balance of land is below acequia, much of it adapted to growing grass, hay, alfalfa without cost of irrigation, all fenced with three and four wires, 2 native mares, 2 American mules, 2 sets double harness, farm wagon, mowing machine, horse rake, plow and all other implements and tools on the place.

One span horses, set harness and side saddle.

100—two year old steers.

665—long yearling steers, 75 per cent white faces.

116—heifers—ones and twos.

100—cows, twos up, northern New Mexico.

45—early calves.

Undivided—1/2 interest in general merchandise business, good paying mining and ranch trade. Notwithstanding live stock matters are quiet, we are receiving inquiries about same.

Tell us what you have for sale. It costs you nothing if not benefited.

HARRIS & SMITH,
SOCORRO, N. M.

SOCORRO COUNTY

Possesses Great Mineral Riches.

Stock Ranges as Large as a European Kingdom. Fertile Valleys and Mild and Equitable Climate.

The New Mexico Bureau of Immigration is doing some excellent work in the interest of the various counties of the territory as well as of the territory at large. Bulletin number eleven has just been issued under the supervision of the Bureau's efficient secretary, Col. Max Frost. This bulletin is a complete compendium of the condition and resources of Socorro county. Facts concerning the topography, soil, climate, productions, business enterprises, industries, educational advantages, and other attractions of the county are presented in a concise and attractive form. If this bulletin is generally distributed it can not fail to be of great value to the county.

Col. Frost has favored THE CHIEFTAIN with a considerable number of the bulletins, which will be distributed gratis to subscribers. To give an adequate idea of the character of the work done by the Bureau, the following passages from this bulletin are reproduced:

AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE.

Socorro county cannot be called an agricultural county, only a very small part of its area being under cultivation, but in the broad valley of the Rio Grande, along other river courses and in a few isolated valleys, farms and orchards give indications of the possibilities in the agricultural line. Around Socorro, San Marcial, San Antonio and other settlements there are beautiful orchards in which the fruits of the temperate zone reach a perfection not attained anywhere else outside of New Mexico. The wheat raised in the Rio Grande valley in Socorro county is of excellent quality and vegetable gardening yields rich returns. Owing to the small area under cultivation and the prosperous mining camps and cattle ranches in the county there is always a good market for orchard and garden products.

IRRIGATION.

Socorro county has no extensive irrigation systems. The ditches and laterals which served their purpose a hundred years ago are still doing service. There is room for the investment of capital in storage reservoirs and irrigation canals as well as in the development of water by means of pumping. In the American valley a large storage reservoir is to be built, and a considerable area is to be brought under cultivation. There are about 25,000 acres under cultivation in the county but there is water supply, if carefully husbanded and distributed, to irrigate 20 to 30 times that area.

LIVESTOCK INTERESTS.

It is in the livestock industry, however, that Socorro county is one of the leading counties of New Mexico. Its ranges are vast in extent and upon them graze 150,000 head of cattle, 50,000 head of horses, 15,000 goats and some 250,000 head of sheep. The mild winters and the abundance of grass the year around make the livestock industry very profitable.

MINERAL RESOURCES.

It is probably as a producer of mineral wealth that Socorro county is best known. The names of the principal mining districts are: Socorro, Water Cañon, Magdalena, Cat Mountain, Rosedale, Black Range, Cooney, Mogollon, Kelly, Oscura, San Andreas, Pueblo, Gallina, Santa Rita, Hansburg, Abbey and La Joya. The principal mining camps are: Magdalena, Kelly, Rosedale, Mogollon, Cooney, Graham and Esley City. There are nine stamp mills, two concentrators and three reduction works in the county. The city of Socorro was at one time a great smelter center of New Mexico, although in late years its smelter has been idle. The vast bodies of free fluxing silver-lead ores in the Kelly and Mogollon districts have become famous in New Mexico's mining history. Large deposits of gold ore, much of it free, in Water Cañon, Rosedale and in the Black Range, as well as rich copper discoveries in the Black Range, Oscura and San Andreas mountains, have added to the fame of Socorro county as a mineral producer. Out of the Mogollon district \$5,000,000 worth of gold have been taken and one or two of the best paying mines in New Mexico are in that district despite the fact that it is further away from railroad facilities than any other mining district in New Mexico and that it became famous first as a silver producer. Several fortunes have been made by the mines at Kelly, 30 miles west of Socorro. Magdalena district, too, has been worked for quite a number of years and has produced a large amount of ore. Yet, the mineral wealth of Socorro county has scarcely been touched. There exist splendid chances for the investment of vast sums of capital and good rewards for the intelligent prospector and miner in every mining district of the county.

COAL.

Coal exists in vast quantities in Socorro county, but it is only at Carthage, near San Antonio, that coal is being produced at present. The Carthage mines last year produced 13,000 tons of coal. This year an additional new mine that was opened last year is being worked to its fullest extent and about 150 men are now given employment. In northwestern and southeastern Socorro county there are coal beds from six to 12 feet thick. Onyx, alum, salt, kaolin, besides gold, silver, copper, lead, are among the mineral products of Socorro county and will some day be great sources of wealth for those who will exploit them.

SCHOOL OF MINES

The New Mexico School of Mines is doing great work not only for the mineral resources of Socorro county but of the whole territory. It offers a course in chemistry, metallurgy, mining and civil engineering equal to that of any other school of mines in the country. Short special courses are also offered and they have much to commend themselves to the busy young man or to the prospector and practical miner. The board of regents of the college is striving to make the school the best mining college in the west and has succeeded so far that no better school of mines is to be found in the Rocky Mountain region. The main building is very substantially built of stone and is modern in every respect. One wing of a new building has been completed to be used as a metallurgical building. The college possesses modern machinery for testing ores and treating them, modern apparatus for assaying, ore furnaces and other equipments of an up-to-date school of mines. It is well endowed with public lands, the revenue from which in addition to annual appropriations from the territory are used for the maintenance and permanent improvements of the college. The school strives to attract especially the promising young men of the territory in order to make good chemists, assayers, mine superintendents and managers and geologists out of them, for there is no more promising field than New Mexico for the trained expert in mining.

CLIMATE AND SCENIC ATTRACTIONS.

Like the rest of New Mexico, Socorro county has a peerless climate that is of special benefit to persons suffering from throat and lung trouble. Its summers are never oppressive and its winters are milder than those of the counties to the north and therefore to be preferred for certain cases of pulmonary complaints. The scenery of the county is beautiful and offers many attractions to the tourist who believes in traveling off the beaten tourist routes. Ancient ruins, cliff dwellings, canons, rock formations, forests, life among the cowboys and in typical western mining camps are all had in Socorro county. The water found in the county is good, free from alkali and in most other New Mexico communities. Some of the springs have health giving properties, especially the warm springs at Cherryville, at the head of the falls of the Alamogosa. They are on the eastern slope of the Black Range at an altitude of 6,540 feet. The temperature of the water is 130 degrees as is that of a group of springs west of the city. These springs are highly mineralized and are specific for various chronic ailments.

TOWNS AND CITIES.

Socorro, the county seat, is also the largest town in the county. The census gives it 1,312 inhabitants, but in years gone by, when the large smelter was in operation, it had three times as many. The number of inhabitants and indications are that the day is approaching when it will again be one of the leading cities of the territory. The country round about is rich in mineral and other resources. The water of the Rio Grande which flows by near the city is ample to irrigate a large area, the waters of the Puerco and the Salado augmenting its volume considerably 20 to 30 miles north of Socorro. The Carthage coal fields are so near to Socorro that they may be called tributary to the city and the mining camps of Kelly, Magdalena and Water Cañon, and after the construction of the Black Range railroad, the Black Range mining districts are also tributary, making Socorro a favorable smelter site. Socorro has large brick yards and three flour mills. The city is beautifully situated on a table land at the foot of the Socorro mountain. The Rio Grande is about two miles from the city. The city owns and controls its own water works, the supply being derived from warm springs of exceptionally pure water flowing from the base of Socorro mountain. Socorro has two banking institutions, two weekly newspapers, two substantial school buildings, churches and good business houses. The New Mexico School of Mines is located at Socorro. The elevation of the city is 4,567 feet. Good sport can be had in the country round about as the rivers, lakes and ponds abound with wild geese and ducks, while quail and grouse are plentiful and in the mountains larger game is found.

SAN MARCIAL.

San Marcial is a prosperous railroad town and the second largest town in the county. There is an old town and a new town, the latter having 600 inhabitants and the old town 425 inhabitants. San Marcial is one of the garden spots in the Rio Grande valley. Its avenues are lined on either side with rows of large cottonwood trees. A beautiful park, in which a fountain and a band stand are located, is one of the features of the town. Railroad repair shops and a roundhouse are located here and give employment to quite a number of men at good wages. The town is the headquarters for supplies of a large area of country including the mining camp of Rosedale. A modern flouring mill is kept in operation day and night by the grain raised in the Rio Grande valley. A good weekly newspaper is published at San Marcial. Beautiful orchards surround the city which is the center of a rich agricultural, horticultural, livestock and mining region.

SAN ANTONIO.

San Antonio is the third town in population in Socorro county, the census giving it 642 inhabitants. It is the center of a farming and stock country. It is situated on the Santa Fe railroad and is quite a trading center. Eight miles east of the town are the Carthage coal fields.

KELLY AND MAGDALENA.

Kelly is the largest mining camp in Socorro county and has 616 inhabitants. It is the center of a rich mining region

and has a smelter. Magdalena, another mining and smelting point, is four miles north of Kelly and is the terminus of the Magdalena branch of the Santa Fe railroad. It is also a shipping point for cattle, sheep and wool. Its population is 308. The surrounding country is rich in coal, gold, copper, silver, lead, timber, building stone and onyx.

THE CITY'S FINANCES.

Report of Mayor and Finance Committee for Fiscal Year Ending Jan. 1, 1902.

The following report for the fiscal year ending January 1, 1902, is handed to THE CHIEFTAIN by Mayor M. Cooney. The idea of letting the taxpayers of the city know what becomes of their money is greatly to be commended.

GENERAL FUND.	
Collections from April 1 to Jan. 1, 1902.	
From taxes 1900.....	\$ 306.20
From taxes 1901.....	200.28
Total.....	\$506.48
Warrants, 1900, paid.....	\$278.00
25 per cent of 1906.58	
accounts, salaries,	
&c. paid.....	226.64
Total.....	\$504.64
Balance.....	\$ 1.84

INTEREST FUND OF 1897.	
Collections.....	\$ 223.61
Paid T. B. Catron.....	\$100.00
" G. Tolman.....	100.00
Total.....	\$200.00
Balance.....	\$ 23.61

WATER FUND.	
Collected from S. A. Baca,	
treasurer.....	\$ 20.83
Collected from W. R. Galle-	
gos, collector.....	108.90
Collected from R. T. Collins,	
collector.....	118.94
Collected from Abran Abeyta	
taxes.....	398.17
Collected from City Attorney,	
rents.....	55.90
Total.....	\$1742.74
Paid Expenses.....	\$ 391.93
" J. G. Fitch, int.....	1247.05
" D. M. Farson, int.....	103.76
Total.....	\$1742.74
Attest: M. COONEY,	
B. A. PINO, Mayor.	
City Clerk. W. G. HAMMEL,	
Ch. Finance Com.	

\$3,500 Saved to Socorro.

At Wednesday's session of the supreme court, in the case of W. H. Miller, plaintiff in error, vs. The City of Socorro, John H. McCutchen, James M. Hill, defendants in error, the judgment of the lower court was affirmed. This means a saving, including interest, of about \$3,500 to the city. The circumstances of the case are these:

In 1897 the plaintiff applied to the city council to have certain city warrants of 1883 and 1884 funded into city bonds under the law of 1897. The council at first refused to fund the warrants and the plaintiff took the case into the district court. After the appeal was taken some of the members of the council rescinded their action. Thereupon J. H. McCutchen and J. M. Hill, members of the council, intervened on behalf of themselves and other taxpayers of the city and filed a plea of the statute of limitation on the warrants. The district court decided that the statute of limitation had run and dismissed plaintiff's appeal. Plaintiff then took an appeal to the supreme court. This court affirmed the judgment of the lower court but afterwards granted plaintiff a re-hearing. It is upon this re-hearing that the supreme court has just handed down a decision affirming the decision of the lower court.

Good Collections.

Collector Abran Abeyta states that his collections this year have been better than ever before. During the months of November and December the collections amounted to \$25,000 for 1901, or about 75 per cent of the taxes assessed. This would show a gain of from five to seven thousand dollars over last year if the railroad company and two or three other heavy tax payers had paid all their taxes at this time, as they did last year, instead of paying only one-half.

County Commissioners Meet.

The board of county commissioners met in regular session Monday morning. Bills for the quarter ending January 1 were approved but because of lack of funds none were paid. The proceedings could not be gotten ready for publication this week but will appear in next week's issue of THE CHIEFTAIN.

OF HOME INTEREST.

Candies at your own price at Katzenstein's.

Nathan Price has been visiting relatives and friends in the city this week.

Katzenstein has the finest and freshest line of candies in town.

It now appears that Socorro will send a large delegation to the El Paso carnival.

Candies, nuts, oranges, and apples at Katzenstein's.

Col. E. A. Levy expects to leave Monday for a visit of a few days in El Paso.

J. B. Squires is assisting Price Bros. & Co. this week in taking their annual inventory.

Mrs. U. S. Hammel and infant son returned to their home in Magdalena this morning.

C. T. Brown is now working a force of men in the old Torrence mine at the foot of Socorro mountain.

Attorney Jas. G. Fitch was in Santa Fe this week on important professional business before the supreme court.

THE CHIEFTAIN office force is indebted to J. S. Fullerton for a bunch of as fine celery as ever grew anywhere.

Paul J. Terry left home a week ago for a point in old Mexico where he has accepted a position with D. H. Harroun.

Don Luciano Chavez, merchant of Polvadera and prominent citizen of the county, was in the city Monday on private business.

Work was resumed at the school of mines Monday morning with a good attendance and everybody refreshed by the holiday vacation.

At a special convocation of Socorro lodge No. 9, A. F. and A. M., Monday night Carl F. Dungan was initiated as an entered apprentice.

Sheriff Cipriano Baca of Deming is reported to have been threatened with pneumonia a few days ago but happily is now out of danger from that disease.

For sale: One Smith-Premier typewriter, stand and extras; one flat top desk; one cylinder desk; one book case; one iron safe; other office furniture. Apply to J. P. Chase.

The following case has just been filed in the office of District Clerk John E. Griffith, viz: Cooney & Morrow vs. the Kat and Kittens Mining and Milling Co., attachment.

A. D. Coon has for several days been numbered among those sorely afflicted with the grip. Mr. Coon seems inclined to attribute the epidemic to the prevailing warm days and cold nights.

Professor F. A. Jones has just been elected associate member of the American Metrological Society. This organization has for its object the promotion of a universal system of weights and measures.

Those fines that were imposed by the supreme court upon District Clerk John E. Griffith were promptly remitted by the honorable body when it was learned that Mr. Griffith was blameless in the matters in question.

Five weddings were celebrated in a single day this week at the church of San Miguel. Eight proposed weddings were announced Sunday. The lenten season is near at hand and those disposed to commit matrimony are improving the shining hours.

Postmaster Estevan Baca had an experience with a runaway horse Monday that resulted in his being laid up two or three days for repairs. The horse demolished the buggy and dragged Mr. Baca some distance bruising him quite severely about the shoulders and hips.

Introduced by Delegate Rodey.

Delegate Rodey has introduced a bill in congress to create a 6th judicial district in New Mexico and for the appointment of an additional justice of the supreme court of the territory.

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Best Two in Three.

Baseball enthusiasm reached Socorro late in the season, but the tardiness of its arrival has been fully compensated for by its intensity. The Mexicans and the Americans each organized a team and each team had a game to its credit when they met on the diamond Sunday for the final struggle. The game was witnessed by a large crowd of people and was a red hot one from start to finish. The score was 16 to 9 in favor of the Mexicans when the Americans came to the bat in the final inning. The latter had three men on bases, when a batter whacked the ball way out into the center field. It looked for all the world as though 4 would now be added to the Americans' score, but the Mexican center fielder made a long run for the ball, caught it beautifully, and the game was over all but the shouting.

Important Litigation.

An infringement patent suit over the Stockheim process for filtering beer has brought to the city Mr. Fred Uhlmann of New York, manager of the German American Filter Co., the complainant, and his counsel Mr. Clarence E. Sexton of New York; also Mr. Chas. H. Loew of Cleveland, secretary and treasurer of the Loew Filter Co., the defendant, and his counsel Mr. Wm. Raimond Baird of New York City. They are taking the testimony of Wm. G. Hammel and of his brother Gus. A. Hammel of El Paso. It appears that in 1885 Mr. Hammel used a filter at his brewery which defendants allege anticipates the Stockheim patent. Mr. Sexton took his testimony ten years ago in a suit on the same patent. The litigation is an important one and has attracted much interest in the brewing trade.

Look Out For Hoboes.

A considerable number of the citizens of Socorro have felt some concern for the last three or four days on account of the presence of a dozen or more hoboes along the railroad near the city. A vigilance committee in Denver recently purged that city of vagrants and the unusual amount of petty thievery that has been committed in the northern towns of the territory would indicate that a swarm of Denver's outcasts is making its way southward. It would be well for everybody in the city to be on his guard and to be ready if necessary to assist in gently persuading this nomadic gentry to move on.

A Triple Tragedy.

M. W. Phillips of West Union, Iowa, who with his wife and son are spending the winter in Socorro for the son's health, received the news this week of a terrible triple tragedy in his home town. From the account received by Mr. Phillips it seems that H. M. Neff, ex-county clerk and civil engineer, in a fit of insane jealousy shot his sweetheart, Miss Rosa Faib, and his rival, Emmet Sullivan, and then turned the fatal gun upon himself. Sullivan alone survives. Only those familiar with the quiet, law abiding life of a town in the northwest can appreciate the consternation created by such a tragedy.

Mrs. Freeman to Serve Ten Years.

It now appears that Mrs. Anna Freeman, the woman who escaped from the custody of Sheriff Blackington in this city last fall, is doomed to serve a term of ten years in the penitentiary. She received that sentence in Judge Parker's court in Doña Ana county in October after trial on a charge of arson and larceny preferred by the Santa Fe railroad company. Her attorneys took an appeal to the supreme court and that body has just dismissed the appeal and affirmed the judgment of the lower court.

Still Another Notice.

A large number of those to whom bills have been sent for subscription to THE CHIEFTAIN have responded promptly and cheerfully. There are some, however, from whom no acknowledgment has been received. It is hoped that these will give the matter their immediate attention. Business is business, in a newspaper office as well as elsewhere.